exchange market. However, both the Government and the Reserve Bank of India monitor the movements of exchange rate and take appropriate measures to reduce excessive volatility, prevent the emergence of destabilizing speculative activities, develop and orderly foreign exchange market condition and help maintain adequate level of foreign exchange reserves.

Recovery of NPAs through Debt Recovery Tribunals

†535. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Debt Recovery Tribunals were set up to recover the amount of non-performing assets of financial institutions;

(b) if so, the dates on which these were set up;

(c) whether recovery of amount of non-performing assets is being made through the above channels; and

(d) if so, the total amount of funds recovered till December, 1999 and the total amount involved in cases which are under consideration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Under the provisions of Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 Debts Recovery Tribunals (DRTs) have been set up to recover the amount of non-performing assets of banks and financial institutions.

(b) The dates on which the Tribunals were established are given below:

Sl. No.	Location of DRT	Date of Establishment
1.	Calcutta	27.4.1994
2.	Delhi	5.7.1994
3.	Jaipur	30.8.1994

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Sl. No.	Location of DRT	Date of Establishment
4.	Bangalore	30.11.1994
5.	Ahmedabad	21.12.1994
6.	Chennai	4.11.1996
7.	Guwahati	7.1.1997
8.	Patna	24.1.1997
9.	Jabalpur	7.4.1998
10.	Mumbai	16.7.1999
11.	Hyderabad	21.9.1999
12.	Ernakulam	4.10.1999

(c) and (d) As reported by DRTs more than 32836 cases involving more than Rs. 33395 crores were filed as on 31.12.99. Out of these cases more than 10462 cases involving an amount of more than Rs. 4567 crores have been disposed and an amount of more than Rs. 820 crores has been realised.

Consumer Price and Whole Sale Price Index

†536. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating on a new method for determination of other Consumer Price Index including Whole Sale Price Index;

(b) whether it is also a fact that for determination of these price indices, prices of the articles belonging to different areas are incorporated;

(c) if so, what are the areas which are given importance in determination of price indices alongwith percentage thereof; and

(d) the percentage to which different areas are proposed to be given importance in the new determination system at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) The Government has already launched a "New Working Class and Family Expenditure

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